MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want to know whether there is any appreciable reduction in the quantity imported and the quantity allotted during the course of this year ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: There is appreciable reduction in the quantity imported and consequently there is reduction in the quantity allotted.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the basis on which the distribution is made among the various taluks ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: It depends upon a number of factors. In certain taluks, we have municipalities, educational institutions, hostels, and important Government offices. In those places naturally the quantity allotted will be larger than in certain other taluks.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether preference is given to municipalities ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes. To some extent preference is given to municipal areas because normally the standard of life of those in those areas is naturally higher than in the villages.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the direction given by the member as to how this is to be distributed in the various localities ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What is the direction ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: The direction is that the main proportion of allotment must be utilised for general distribution on the basis of the means and standard of life of the consumer and a small portion may be reserved for special supplies in cases of emergencies.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the standard of life in rural areas is far lower than in urban areas ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Ordinarily, not in all cases.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: വിതരണം ചെയ്യാതെ ഡിപ്പോകളിൽ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പഞ്ചസാര അലിഞ്ഞുപോകുന്നതായിട്ട് മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: സാധാരണ അങ്ങനെ അലിഞ്ഞു പോകാറില്ല.

Supply of Sugar.

405. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of sugar imported into the State during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively; and

(*b*) the quantity allotted for the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad during these years ?

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN:

(a)

Year.	*Quantity.*
	Tons.
1118	4,714
1119	10,887
1120	7,897

(b)

	1118	1119	1120	
	(bags)	(bags)	(bags)	
Parur	1,330	2,630	4,577	
* Kunnatnad	435	2,630	4,636	*(This does not include the allotments made to the Alwaye Municipality).

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the honourable member the quantity of sugar now allotted to the Parur taluk?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I cannot say that off hand.

PRESIDENT: For 1121, is it?

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I cannot say that now.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether there is any reduction in the quantity of sugar allotted this year?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): May I know from the honourable member whether the reduction in 1120 which is shown here is proportionately distributed in all taluks?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: To a very large extent it is like that. But there will be variations.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the reduction is in the ration of 3 : 4?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I beg your pardon.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Is it in the ratio of 4 : 3? *(Laughter.)*

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: It may be so in some places.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know whether there is black marketing in sugar?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: I am not aware.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know who are the suppliers of Travancore?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: The Supply Department of the Government of India.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: The agency?

PRESIDENT: We have nothing to do with any agency. The Government of India appoint their own agencies and what they sell to us, we must take. That is all.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether this Government has full control over the sugar that comes into the State?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Yes, Sir.

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MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: തക്കലയിൽ ഒരു ഷുഗർഫാക്ടറി ഇല്ലേ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: അവിടെ ഷുഗർ അല്ലേ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതു്?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അവിടെ ഇപ്പോൾ ഷുഗർ അല്ലാ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: എന്നിട്ടു്, ഇപ്പോഴും 'ഷുഗർഫാക്ടറി' എന്നാണോ അതിന്റെ പേർ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: അതെ, പേരു മാറിയിട്ടില്ല.

PRESIDENT: The point is this. The working of the sugar factory depends, as the honourable members should know, upon the supply of jaggery. That could be known from a perusal of the Administration Report. The jaggery is produced mainly in the Tinnevelly District and has to be imported from Tinnevelly to the Thuckalai Sugar Factory in order to manufacture sugar. On account of the scarcity of food in the Madras Presidency, Madras Government is taking steps just as we have been taking steps to restrict the export of anything that can be used for food. Therefore, the supply of jaggery from the Madras Province is very limited and perfunctory. Naturally, no factory of a factory dimension can ever manufacture sugar with say a few ounces of jaggery. The sugar factory must get certainly a large quantity of jaggery so as to produce sugar on a large scale. Before the war they were getting the jaggery in large quantities and so the production was comparatively greater. Now notwithstanding the efforts of this Government to the Government of India to persuade Madras to give more jaggery or to export jaggery, they have not been successful. Therefore the sugar factory at Thuckalai is not working now.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know from the member when the quantity of sugar imported into the State during the year 1119 was over 10,000 tons, why was a reduction made in the subsequent year?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: It is all sent by the Government of India and therefore the variation cannot be explained.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Why is it that the quantity of sugar now allotted to various places has undergone some reduction?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: The Government were expecting to get over 10,000 tons of sugar in the year 1120 also and so on that basis distribution was carried on with the available quantity, for four months in the year. It was only after that we were definitely told that the promised supply of 10,000 tons could not be made. That being the case, a proportionately large reduction had to be effected in the supply of sugar to all places. That was the reason why we had to make a reduction in the allotment of sugar.

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MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY *(Nominated)*: എ ക്ലാസ്സുകാർക്ക് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പഞ്ചസാരയുടെ കപ്പാണ്ടിറ്റി എന്താണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ മയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No such definite rule has been laid down.

MR. T T. KESAVAN SASTRY: സി ക്ലാസ്സുകാർക്ക് എ. ക്ലാസ്സുകാരുടെ കപ്പാണ്ടിറ്റിക്കു തുല്യം പഞ്ചസാര കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No such classification has been made with regard to the supply of sugar throughout the State. We have been trying to evolve a system by which sugar could be evenly distributed according to needs of individuals.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Sir, may I know whether there are persons who do not get sugar now-a-days ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: No, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: It is stated in the answer that the supply of sugar into this State during the year 1120 was lower than that supplied in the year 1119. That being the case, may I know the reason why the supply of sugar for Parur was increased from 2,630 bags in the year 1119 to 4,577 bags in the year 1120 ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Some quantities were kept in reserve in the year 1119. The supply of sugar for the year 1120 was enhanced from the reserve in the year 1119. In other words, we were able to give some extra quantity from the reserves of 1119 in the year 1120. That will be the case in almost all the taluks.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I inform the member that the number of persons too has increased from the year 1119 and also because of the fact that a majority of the people who are employed in the industrial area at Alwaye are the population residing in Parur. Is the member aware of such a position ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: Naturally the population must have increased.

Stock balance of sugar.

406. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR *(Vaikom cum Kottayam)*: Will the Government be pleased to state the stock balance of sugar with the rationing authority at Vaikom on 31-10-1121?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: 36 bags and 41 lbs.

MR. K. VARUGHESE ITHAC *(Vaikom cum Kottayam)*: വൈക്കം താലൂക്കിൽ പഞ്ചസാരവിതരണത്തെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല പരാതികളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: ചില പരാതികൾ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. VARUGHESE ITHAC: വൈക്കം താലൂക്കിലെ 80 ശതമാനം പേർക്കും പഞ്ചസാരകാർഡ് ഇല്ലാത്തവരാണെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

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